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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES - VOA RHODES

REFERENCE: ATHENS 7903; VOA RHODES MEMO, MAY 9, 1973,  
SUPPLEMENTARY SECURITY SURVEY REPORT MARCH 16, 1973

FOR RSO

EMBASSY PASS TO VOA RHODES

1. USIA/IOS CONCURS WITH REPORTED ASSESSMENT OF THREATS TO VOA RHODES AND ALSO AGREES THAT PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN FORCE ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE KNOWN LEVEL OF THREAT.
  2. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, USIA DESIRES AN EXTRA MEASURE OF ASSURANCE AGAINST INTERRUPTION OF PROGRAMMING.
  3. STATION MANAGER DROULLARD HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SEPTTEL TO CONTACT RSO FOR DETAILS IN THIS MESSAGE, AND DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH HIM THE SUGGESTED ACTIONS THAT FOLLOW WHICH INCLUDE COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUS RSO RECOMMENDATIONS. USIA IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MEASURES WHICH RSO AND VOA RHODES FEEL ARE BOTH REASONABLE
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AND RESPONSIVE, AND ARE COMPATIBLE WITH OPERATIONAL

FACTORS.

4. USIA/IOS CONCURS WITH PREVIOUS RSO/VOA RECOMMENDATIONS

REFERENCE: (A) SUITABLE EQUIPMENT FOR GUARD RADIO SET;  
(B) EMERGENCY VOICE LINK (RADIO OR LAND LINE) TO APPROPRIATE GENDARMERIE STATIONS, IF ACCEPTABLE; (C) SUFFICIENT GUARDS TO DETECT AND GIVE ALERT TO DANGER; (D) ARMING OF GUARDS.

5. GUARD REQUIREMENTS ARE SEEN AS POSSIBLY MORE THAN PRESENT STRENGTH FOR LONG TERM, BUT AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY INCREASE DURING CURRENT ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION.

6. IOS CAN POUCH EIGHT (8) TWO (2) WATT MOTOROLA HANDI-TALKIES WITH CRYSTALS ON 168.050 MGHZ (MODEL HT 200 TWO (2) POUNDS WEIGHT) FOR INTERIM USE IF NEEDED.

7. SY REQUESTS RSO VISIT RHODES TO ASSIST RHODES: (A) DEVELOP SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANY EQUIPMENT NEEDED; (B) GIVE GUIDANCE ON INCREASING GUARD FORCE; (C) IF APPROVED, DETERMINE WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS; (D) DEVELOP EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS LINK TO GENDARMERIE, IF APPROPRIATE.

8. AT SAME TIME, USIA RECOGNIZES DESIRE TO KEEP MEASURES LOW-KEY TO PREVENT ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION TO UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES. KISSINGER

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